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30 October 1963

NOTES FOR DDCI

1. Tom Hughes, on 22 October, sent a memorandum to Rusk which concludes that,on the basis of statistics on the insurgency in SVN since July 1963, the military position of the government appears to have been set back to the point it occupied six months to a year ago. The trend coincides with the deterioration of the political situation. The State memo admits that the statistics (those pertaining to Viet Cong casualties, weapons losses, defections, armed attacks, etc.) are not thoroughly trustworthy nor entirely satisfactory as evidence.

We did not receive a copy of this memo until 29 October. DD/I is in general agreement with the thrust of the State memo. There is a general feeling of discomfort, however. We recognize the shakey nature of the evidence. Furthermore, those who want action at any cost in SVN are apt to point to this kind of memo as support for their cause.

2. Averell Harriman has written the DCI thanking the Agency for its excellent cooperation in the recently completed Internal Security Assessment of the Near East and South Asia. Singled out for particular kudos was [redacted] who used to be in the NE Division and is now on a special assignment in [redacted] These assessments are made of various areas of the world periodically for the benefit of the Special Group (CI).

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4. General Howze, CINC of US Forces in Korea, has raised some questions about the TACKLE program and one of our Security officers is leaving Friday, 1 November, to brief Howze on the program. He would be glad to carry any message you may have for Howze.

5. The latest joint CIA/DIA assessment of the status of Soviet forces in Cuba is that there are no organized Soviet combat units there. Total strength is estimated at 5,000 to 7,000, possibly ~~more~~ less. Cubans are currently being trained in the use of all Soviet weapons systems remaining in Cuba. These include MIG-21's, Komar missile patrol boats, T-54 tanks, cruise missiles and SAMs.

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